May 27, 1950.

Dr. Aaron Novick, 6200 Drexel Avenue, Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Aaron-

Kim Atwood just wrote that he will come to our meeting. I hope you can get a good chance to talk with him. Sol also mentioned that he had been invited and was coming. In order to make reservations, it would help to know who is coming fairly soon. Has Muller been invited? He might not make such a long trip, but again he might if he knew who else would would—be here. How about Bertani, Jim Watson and Bernie Davis?

Esther and I have talked over the financial aspect of the meetings a few times, having been a bit conscience-stricken about the expense accounts. Personally, I think that our angel should not pay for the fancy meals that we tend to consume on these trips, and that the expenses covered should be confined to transportation and room. I think there has been a tendency to make a "good thing" out of the trips, which might detract from the serious purpose of the seminars. People (like Atwood) who will be paying their own transportation should be excepted, of course. Don't take this too seriously.

Esther passed her final oral Ph. D. exam yesterday, after wearing out the committee, but not herself.

Sincerely, and best regards,

Joshua Lederberg